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JOSEPH O'BRIEN ASSUMES DUTIES AS OFFICIAL OF NEW YORK BASEBALL CLUB



JOSEPH D. O'BRIEN

Joseph D. O'Brien, the new secretary of the New York Giants, has taken charge of the Fifth avenue building offices.

O'Brien is a familiar figure to New York fandom and a capable executive. Indeed, he was club secretary with the late John T. Brush and preceded Foster in office. O'Brien is a baseball man of varied experience, whose career has been brilliant in the extreme. As president of the American association he placed the Class AA circuit in the first rank of minor

John B. Foster, the retiring secretary, has been a popular official. New York football fans owe him a debt of gratitude. It was his untiring efforts that brought annual army-navy and other major gridiron battles to the Polo

### **CHAMPIONS OF 1919**

RCHERY ...... Dr. Robert P. Elmer ARCHERY Dr. Robert P. Elmer
CASTING Dr. Haiford J. Morian
ATHLETICS (Individus)
S. Harrison Thomson, Princeton univ.
ATHLETICS (team) New York A. C.
AUTOMOBILE (speedway) Tommy Milton
AUTOMOBILE (diri track) Barney Oldfield
BASEBALL Cincinnati Nede BASEBALL (American) Ty Cobb BASEBALL (National) Eddie Roush BILLIARDS (amateur) Dave McAndless BILLIARDS (professional) Willie Hoppe BILLIARDS (amateur) ... Dave McAndless BILLIARDS (professional) ... Willie Hoppe BILLIARDS (three cushion) .R. L. Cannefax BILLIARDS (pocket) ... ... Raifth Greenlest BICYCLING (professional) . Raymond Enton BICYCLING (amateur) ... Charles Osterritter BICYCLING (professi BICYCLING (amateu BICYCLING (team) BOXING (middleweight) .....Jack Britton
BOXING (welterweight) ....Benny Leonard
BOXING (featherweight) ...Johnny Kilbane
BOXING (bantamweight) ...Pete Herman
BOXING (flyweight) ....Jimmy Wilde BOXING (bantamweight) ... Pete Herman
BOXING (flyweight) ... Jimmy Wilde
FOOTBALL (west) ... University of Illinois
FOOTBALL (cast) ... University of Illinois
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GOLF (amateur) ... E Davidson Herron
GOLF (open) ... Walter Hagen
GOLF (women's) ... Alexia Stirling
GOLF (west, amateur) ... Harry Legg
GOLF (west, open) ... Jim Barnes
RACQUETS (amateur) ... Clarence C. Pell
RACQUETS (professional) ... Jock Souter

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ROQUE ... Harold Walker
SHOOTING (amateur) ... G. W. Lorimer
SHOOTING (professional) ... Bart Lewis, Auburn, Ill.
SKATING (iee, amateur) ...
Charley Jewtraw, Saranae Lake, N. Y.
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SWIMMING (men) ... Norman Ross, I. A. C.
SKI (professional) ... A. Haugen, St. Paul

Coach's Contract Does Not Expire Until End of Next Season-Will Stick Another Year.

NAVY TO HAVE DOBIE AGAIN

Gilmour Dobie will continue as coach of the Naval Academy football team for one more year at least. It developed the other day and was con-



tract between the coach and the naval athletic authorities made at the beginning of the season of 1918 covered three years and not two, as generally supposed. Doble will, therefore, be in charge again next season.

England expects to send a cricket eleven to Australia for the 1920-21 sea-

Six baseball players named Miller are on the National league reserve list.

Baseball once was a sport. Later it became a business. Now it's a fight.

Harvard college has announced that

it will be in for intercollegiate at Jerome Keogh, veteran conhas been playing with the waller

for 22 years. Alfred Shrubb has secured it tion of athletic couch at the con-

versity, England. George Moriarty, who spends the season in Woodstock, Ill., has been engaged again as an American league una

Jack Coombs has been signed by Hughey Jennings to net as coach for the Tiger hurlers during the coming

A new French flyweight boxer named Juliard is being groomed for a clash with Jimmy Wilde, the English cham-

University of Virginia baseball team will make a trip north to play Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Am-

Hogiro Haneishi, a Japanese jin jitsu expert, has been added to University of Illinois' athletic coaching

Bob O'Loughlin, captain-elect of the Columbia University 'varsity crew, has resigned, as he expected to graduate in February.

With the Moreings backing him up. Bill Rodgers expects to put the Sacramento team in the Pacific coast league race next season.

Marty Cross, New York welterweight, has been suspended for six months by the New Jersey commission for failure to show up for a fight.

The board of athletic control at Princeton university has voted to number of Princeton varsity football players next fall irrespective of what the other colleges do.

Miss Alexia Stirling of Atlanta, the national golf champion, may go to England next spring to compete in the annual tournament for the British women's golf championship.

To date the American boxing promoters have been a bad last in the bidding for a/ Dempsey-Carpentier championship fight, the French and English promoters leading the way.

Two leading professional golf players may visit this country next year, namely, Abe Mitchell, the latest Euroem sensation, and George Duncan fille Harry Vard n. James Bra'd ..., H. Taylor and possible visitors.

### **WASHINGTON CLUB IS BOUGHT BY GRIFFITH**

Together With Philadelphian He Is Now in Control.

Manager of Nationals Will Be in Absolute Power and Is Expected to Make Many Changes in the Personnel of Team.

Clark Griffith has purchased the controlling interest in the Washington baseball club. The veteran manager, who has piloted the Nationals since 1912, associated with William M. Richardson, a Philadelphia grain merchant, obtained approximately four-fifths of the 20,000 shares of the corporation for \$400,000. Griffith. in the reorganization, will become president and remain as manager for the time being at least,

The syndicate which made the pur chase is expected to make big changes in the personnel of the team, and every effort will be made to strengthen the club's nine next season. The new purchasers, it is said, intend to cut loose from the policy of economy that has generally been followed and use every means possible to produce a winning combination. In short, it is felt that the city of Washington will be put to the test in 1920.

Griffith, who is now in the class of John McGraw and Connie Mack as a manager owning considerable stock, has been in baseball since 1887. He broke in that year in Bloomington, Ill. In 1891 he got in the majors with the



old St. Louis Browns, then managed by Charley Comiskey, who was play ing first base.

Griffith, one of the greatest pitchers the game ever had, was on the coast in 1892 and the following season went to the old Chicago White Stockings. He was one of the stars of that famous outfit until 1901 when he managed Comiskey's club in the American league and won his only pennant with

When the Yunkees entered the league in 1903 Griffith was their first manager. He was in New York until the middle of the season of 1908, when he and Frank Farrell, then owner of the club, had a disagreement. The next year Griffith managed the Cincinnati Reds, and he was Garry Herrman's manager until he was made manager of the Nationals in 1912.

### SKATER'S LEGS WORTH MUCH

Bobby McLean, Who Has Sailed for Norway, Takes Out Policy With Lloyds for \$25,000.

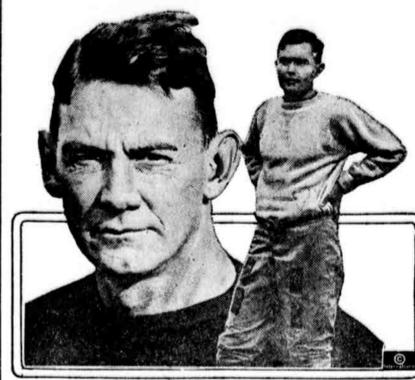
"Bobby" McLean values his legs at \$25,000, according to his manager, D. R. Scanlon, for which he has had



Bobby McLean.

them insured with Lloyd's, McLean has sailed for Norway, to defend his iceskating title against Oscar Mathieson. Norway's skating wizard.

### **COACH SHARPE REPLIES TO CRITICISM** OF YALE ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATES



DR. AL. SHARPE

TAD JONES

Although most of the Yale alumni Dr. Al Sharpe in his policies as general athletic coach and director, a minority has made his life miserable since the Harvard and Princeton defeats by demands that he retire in favor of Tad Jones, who was head coach three years ago. Gonded by incessant criticism of his football coaching, Doctor Sharpe said:

Won't Insist on Contract. "If Yale alumni and undergraduates really attribute the loss of the Harvard and Princeton games to my coaching and want to bring Tad Jones back as head coach I shall not demand that Yale carry out my threeyear contract. If my work is unsatisfactory and there is a popular demand that I go I shall go. There have been I them."

cliques that were not working for the and undergraduates cordially support best interests of Yale, and there was not harmony. There is too great a bridge between the academic and the scientific departments. Yale lost its two biggest games because of loose playing."

Doctor Sharpe was asked to comment on the statement made by Trainer John Mack to the effect that, when an eleven is on the one-yard line and cannot score because of a missed signal, something is wrong. He an-

"The play that was called for was an off-tackle play and Braden, who took the ball, went through center." "Then Braden disobeyed his sig-

"Either that or he misunderstood

# GOSSIP

The Cardinals will train at Brownsville, Tex., and will go South March 1.

Kallio and Cunningham, pitchers, have been released to Portland by the

It is rumored that Jay Gould has reected several lucrative offers to turn professional.

What a vast difference between the meaning of the word "boot" as applied to baseball and football.

Herman says that he cannot afford to fight Jimmy Wilde because the latter lost to Jack Sharkey.

Cornell will have basket ball contests for every college section competing for the intramural title.

Wild left-handers refuse to order platters in a restaurant because they are afraid they can't locate it.

Among students who find relaxation in athletics at Cornell are a one-legged wrestler and two blind oarsmen. As far as the western showing of

the Syracuse football team is con-

cerned, the Orange proved to be a Vic Saier, who was out of baseball last season, is desired by the Columbus (O.) club of the American asso-

The New York club of the American league is anxious to obtain Bobble Roth. Manager Huggins would use him in right field.

Football has attained such popularity in Canada that a movement is on foot to form an association of the amateur clubs of the Dominion.

Charles Ledroux of France retained the bantamweight championship of Europe by defeating Walter Ross, the English bantamweight champion. Football at the New England high

year, the Haverhill high school alone having cleared \$10,000 on its gridiron Georges Carpentler, who won the heavyweight championship of Europe by defeating Joe Beckett, has signed a

contract to appear in a moving picture

love play. Bob Simpson has taken up his duties as coach of Missouri university students. He is in charge of the compulsory athletic work of the military department.

The return of the 154-game schedules in the major leagues means that the seasons will open April 14 or 15 and that the world series will get under way about October 5.

Commander J. K. L. Ross, the leading money winner on the turf this year. is having constructed a private race track in Howard county, Maryland, about two miles from the Laurel race

### FIRST BASEBALL PAY

Individuals and teams have won in spite of having the dope all their way.

The time to vollect is when you are ahead. The only system that can beat

the races is to let 'em run for

Sweeney. There are too many folks who attempt to play with blue chips efore they can handle the red

and white. The sane man isn't right all the time, but at least he is rea-

In taking a chance it is also well enough to select a soft spot to land on.

Before playing any rival for a sucker take another look in the

### KID WILLIAMS COMING BACK?

One-Time Bantamweight Champion Could Not Keep Away From Fistic Circle-Now a Manager.

Kid Williams, one-time bantamweight champion, as was expected, could not remain away from the sport



Kid Williams.

very long. Do not misconstrue us as saying that the Kid will attempt a comeback, for it is doubtful whether the great little Monumental City battler will ever don the gloves again. schools was a big money maker this Williams, however, will return to the spot in which he achieved much glory, as a manager, as he has taken Little Jeff under his managerial wing.

### AMERICAN SPORTS IN CHINA

Football and Baseball Successfully Introduced at Tsing Hau College, Located at Pekin.

American football and baseball have been successfully introduced at Tsing Hau college, Pekin, China, according to Ming S. Lowe, registrar of the col-

After his arrival in China he obtained the services of an American coach and physical director, D. K. Brace, a Red college graduate, to couch the various teams then organized, in a tentative way, in baseball, American football, soccer, tennis, track and swimming.

American football and Yankee baseball are among the most popular sports at Tsing Hau college. A golf course is soon to be laid out near the college.